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The Official Newsletter of the All British Classics Car Club of Vic Inc

Your ABCCC News



1925

Front Cover

Photo on front cover –

Sharing a photo that I took from our recent trip to Perth of this beautiful **1915 Detroit Electric** vehicle at the Motor Museum of Western Australia in Whiteman Park.

Sorry I know it's not British! Checkout page 15 for some interesting info I found – regards Glenda

President's Report September 2024

What a busy time it has been the past few weeks, we lost our friend and treasurer Bill Allen and I still can't come to terms with that, since then I have buried myself in the garden finishing the big hedge and throwing in the towel on the North boundary until next year, let it grow! Maybe next year I will employ a gardener, but I know that's what I said last year. Bill and I had committed to go to the Federation meeting in Gol Gol (just outside Mildura) and though my heart wasn't in it I decided to go with Maxine and as most of you know there was no way Maxine was driving straight to Mildura so it was decided two nights in Mulwala and two nights in Swan Hill leaving on the Wednesday and driving home from Swan Hill on the Sunday. On the Tuesday after working all day in the garden and shed without a break I came into the house for a glass, to be greeted with do you want to leave in the morning? No thank you says I. Well, I have booked Mulwala, and it's pay two nights get one free. We got up early packed our bags and were on the road at 9.30am. We enjoyed our time in Mulwala and Rutherglen it was the break we needed to recharge our batteries.

The Federation meeting went well, though a little emotional with a lot of the conversation being about Bill. Before the meeting started there was mention of Bill and his contribution to the Federation and the classic car movement in general, with condolences to his family and friends, which I thought was nice. As many of you know Bill was the best minute taker in the business and sent in his report for publication after every meeting, well I had every good intention, I wrote all the notes (I have sat next to Bill for years) and I have two pages of scribbles and if you think I am going to decipher them and write a report, forget it. This meeting was also the AGM and business was mostly about the Bendigo swap and then all office bearers were re-elected, that's my report! Don't get me wrong Federation meetings are usually very informative and this is where we learn of anything new in the movement.

Now to the serious stuff, we held a committee meeting on the 22nd August and it was approved that Phil Cook be appointed as Acting Treasurer and that his signature be registered with the bank.

Bill Allen was our delegate to the Federation and AOMC , Mike Allfrey, who is no longer driving, was the other AOMC delegate and I am the other Federation delegate, so we are now looking for new delegates, I am not over keen at continuing as a Federation delegate. AOMC meetings are held mostly in Springvale and are entirely voluntary and normal attendance expenses are not claimable from the Club. Federation meetings are held all over Victoria four per year, if they are close to Melbourne, no expenses, if it's a comfortable day trip petrol expenses and if it's too far for a day trip over night accommodation is paid. If you would like to get more involved in the movement and represent our Club, please contact me.

Over the last few months, I have had several conversations with Mark Pace the president of our sister club in Queensland, about organising a get together between our two clubs, as we used to do in the early days the last being 2007. It is proposed that we meet halfway between Brisbane and Melbourne around Orange or Tomingley where we always met in the past. Time would be around July/ August next year. I envisage at least two days driving to the event and maybe three nights with ABCCCQ and two nights home. Now there is a lot of work organising a event like this and before I give it the nod I need to know serious expressions of interest, I know a lot of you are getting old and July/August next year is a long way away but if you put your hand up and then they put you in a home, I will understand.

To finish I have just had a very good lunch at my local Yarra Glen Hotel organised by Jenny Mason with John at the door doing his "meet & greet" trick, good food, good company and to put the icing on the cake I got home to see my Saints beat Carlton, Oh what a wonderful world.

Tony Pettigrew

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CLUB INFORMATION

Visit the club's Website for information about how club matters are conducted. This Website also features information about how the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) is operated by the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc.

Our club does have one explicit rule – for those motor cars operating on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), using the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc., for the ongoing benefit of the VCPS, their owners must continue to be a financial member for the duration of the permit period, and attend a minimum of three club events during the permit's active year. Failure to respect this rule will result in the VCPS renewal being insupportable and void.

YOUR COMMITTEE

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The Association of Motoring Clubs Website http://www.aomc.asn.au/			
The Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Clubs Website http://www.federation.asn.au/			

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On The Web <http://www.abccc.com.au>
 On Facebook www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub
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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. is \$45.00 per annum. This subscription fee also includes the club member's partner. In addition to that, there is a once-only \$30.00 Joining Fee. Please address membership enquiries to: Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Telephone Number 03 9739 1879.

LIFE MEMBERS

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19th September, 1997
 The Club is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.

Current Life Members are: Pat J Douglas, Mike Allfrey, Tony & Maxine Pettigrew

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

ABCCC is a VicRoads authorised Club to participate in the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme (CPS)

The ABCCC has set rules & conditions for operating a motor vehicle [twenty-five (25) years old and older on the CPS, for further information about how the CPS is conducted by the All British Classics Car Club please visit the club's Website Link [ABCCC Club Permit Scheme information](#) All the information is available online.

1. **Initial contact** should be made with the club's Vehicle Logbook Club Permit Scheme (VLCPS) Applications Officer, currently Wally Thompson. He will advise the procedure for application with respect to the conditions set by the ABCCC. He must also provide a first inspection of the vehicle.
2. **PERMIT RENEWALS** VicRoads requires that an ABCCC authorised VLCPS Officer's signature is entered on the permit renewal notice. Therefore, your VLCPS renewal should be sent to Colin Brown, PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria 3770. Enclose with it a stamped envelope addressed to VicRoads, along with a cheque/money order for the VLCPS fee. Colin will sign on behalf of the ABCCC, and then forward the permit renewal on to VicRoads. The form also requires YOUR signature, so be sure to sign it as the permit holder as well.

Both Wally & Colin's position are entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting them.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Payment of ABCCC Annual Fees of \$45.00 are due by 1st January each year.

Please post or transfer money to: All British Classics Car Club, Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Tel 0438 508 235

Bank details: BSB 063 863, A/c No.1001 3709, please provide your surname as a and "dues" as reference.

Please note that, should you be unfinancial and driving a classic car under the auspices of our club on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, you are effectively driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Renewal Form can be downloaded from the ABCCC Website if required to update information.

Thank you, Ed Bartosh

Vale William (Bill) George Paterson Allen)

It is with deep regret & sadness that I report on the passing of our very dear friend and ABCCC Member Bill Allen.

Bill passed away suddenly 27th June 2024 in hospital, he was in re-hab, recovering from a broken leg and had no underlying illness.

Bill was one of our longest serving members and Treasurer for the last 14 years. Bill was true gentleman, there was always a conversation to be had with Bill, he was very knowledgeable on all matters and loved his cars. There were lots of laughs and shared stories over a glass or two of red wine at our ABCCC events.

ABCCC members heartfelt condolences are sent with love and remembrance to Bill's children Stephanie, Caroline and John, and his four grandchildren, family and friends. We understand the very personal loss to Maxine and Tony.

A memorial celebration was held on 18th July 2024. Special thanks to Tony for his lovely eulogy and to those ABCCC members who dialled into view his service.

Bill always greeted you with a lovely smile, he will be sadly missed.



ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Note: This ABCCC Events Directory lists only those events organised by the ABCCC. Only those events scheduled in this Directory qualify for Victorian Club Permit Scheme requirements. All events are also listed on the club website.

ABCCC Calendar of Events for 2024 If you are attending any of these events please contact the Organiser, as numbers are often required Further details will be provided closer to the event					
Sun July 7th	Annual lunch Colin Brown	Sun Aug. 11th.	Observation Run Brian Aitken	Tues. Sept.10th -12th	Sandra's September Sandra Wishart
Wed. July 17th	Coffee with the Braziers	Wed.Aug. 14th.	Coffee with the Braziers	Wed. Sept. 18th	Coffee with the Braziers
Sun. July 21st	Pub run Tootells	Sun. Aug.25th	Yarra Glen with John and Jenny Mason	Sun. Sept. 22nd	Rainy day in a Morgan Phil Cook
Sun. Oct.6th	Visiting Healesville. Ian and Lyn Terry	Thurs Nov. 14th	Visit to Beleura in Mornington. Robyn and Robert Joiner		
Sun. Oct. 20th.	Gippsland drive, Graham Talmage	Wed. Nov.20th	A big kids day out. The 3 G's Geraldine, Greg and Gary	Saturday Dec. 14th	Christmas lunch Maxine Pettigrew
Mon.Oct.28th -	Trip to Mildura Lance Brazier	Fri. Nov. 22nd-24th	Indulgence weekend Peter McKeirnan	Note the date for the Xmas lunch has change	

Scam Alert

Be aware of any emails you may receive from president@abccc.com I do not use this address to send emails, I receive and reply only, so any emails you may receive from this address is almost certainly a scam. My computer has not been hacked this email address along with treasurer@abccc.com and other ABCCC addresses are readily available on the website for anyone to use. I would never send an email asking a member to perform a service like buying gift cards for committee members, paying a bill for me or send me personal details because I am tied up in a meeting. If I wanted a member to help me, I would phone first to discuss and the same applies, call me. Scammers are getting more sophisticated, treat every email or phone message with suspicion.

As an aside, when we opened the website many years ago, we were very quickly hacked at committee level, Tony Hodges was selling Viagra, Colin Brown was running a brothel and I was trading porn sites to all committee members, it got so bad we cancelled all club addresses. We restarted them a few years ago and though we still have a lot of shit between the committee like me asking Bill Allen to pay a false invoice it has gone reasonably well. But now the committee is sending scam emails to members.



BEWARE

Reminder for upcoming ABCCC Events

Don't forget to RSVP

Sandras September

Tuesday 10th till Thursday 12th Sept 2024

We will be commencing the run at the Ampol Service Station / Hungry Jacks at the turn off M1 (Princess Freeway & Labertouche, Lonwarry) C421.



It's a beautiful run through the hills to our lunch stop at the Austral Hotel in Korumburra. There will be time to explore the many Op Shops & gift stores before moving on to our Motel in Foster. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Regards, Leigh & Sandra Wishart

Leigh 0403 243 700 or leigh@wishartautech.com.au

Sandra 0402 215 367

Wednesday 18th September, 2024 - Coffee & Explore

Located at the gateway to the Yarra Valley!

Time: 10:30am

At: Warren Glen Café – 373-383 Ringwood-Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte

Options are to stay on for lunch or visit the various shops of Warrandyte. Even have a pie by the Yarra. Please RSVP to Lance & Adele 0403 032 158



Sunday 22nd September, 2024 Rainy day in a Morgan

We will meet at Lilydale Lake (off Swansea Road) at 9am for a 9:30 departure.

Our drive will take on a scenic route (not Maroondah Highway) to Healesville. Here will stop for coffee/tea. After refreshments, we will continue our journey to the Dandenong Hills where we will enjoy a lunch at one of the many establishments in the area.



Please advise of your participation so that I can advise of numbers for catering purposes.

Full run details will be handed out to everyone prior to the start.

Contact Phil Cook on **0468 680 538**

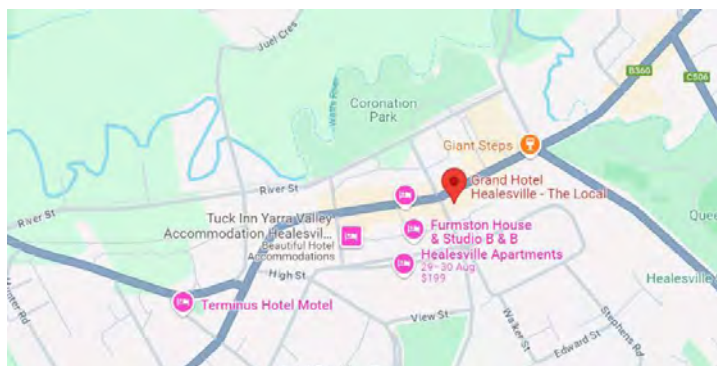
Sunday 6th October 2024 – visiting Healesville Ian & Lyn Terry

Meet at Yarra Glen Bakehouse 9:30am. Mel Ref 275 A/1 Bells St Yarra Glen

Leave for Healesville at 10am to arrive at Healesville Community Market River St car park behind main street shops Mel Ref 270 C/12.

Lunch will be held at the Grand Hotel Healesville, 270 Maroondah Hwy at 12:30 Mel Ref 278 B/1

Please RSVP to Ian and Lyn Terry 0409 097 496 Ian.wfd1947@gmail.com



Sunday 20th October 2024 A scenic run for lunch in Gippsland

Lunch will be at the Travellers Rest Hotel Thorpdale. This run will commence at the BP Service Station Monash Hwy Officer South, where Toilets and coffees is available. More information on times to come.

The drive to lunch is 121kms on bitumen roads taking in part on the Grandridge Road, the views from the road are spectacular.

We hope you will join us.

To book or further details please contact Graham Talmage or Kate Senko at e-mail hydewood@bournet.com.au as we are overseas until 14th September.





Monday 28th October to Sunday 3rd November 2024

Come and join Lance & Adele on their Mildura Tour

- Depart Monday 28th October via Bendigo to overnite KERANG.
- Tuesday 29th via Lake Boga, Swan Hill, Robinvale to MILDURA for 4 nites
- Wed 30th, Thur 31st, Fri 1st Nov in Mildura.
- 3 days of visits, Activities, & free time, in Mildura.
- Sat 2nd Nov. via Red Cliffs, Ouyen, Sea Lake, Wycheproof to overnite CHARLTON.
- Sun 3rd Home via route best suited to you.

If you have booked with Lance & Adele Brazier, please confirm.

If you want to join our Tour, Please contact us. Accommodation Bookings and other information will be provided to you.

At this stage we have rooms available, however they are limited & cannot be held for too long.

Longest day travel is 300 km. on reasonable to good roads [110 kph on some]

Looking forward to you joining us.

Lance 0403032158. <lbrazier@hotmail.com>



What have we been doing?

Sunday 7th July – Annual Lunch

It was a great annual club luncheon with lots of members attending. Held at the Eastwood Golf Club.







Wednesday 17th July – Coffee with the Braziers

Enjoyable catch up at RA D'ORO in Croydon.



SUNDAY 21st July 2024. BRYANS PUB RUN

Thanks for joining in at the "Warby Hotel", Wesburn, for lunch.

Best wishes to Bryan & Ann who were unable to attend, we hope they are feeling better now 😊

Sunday 11th August 2024 - Observation run

On the 11th of August, 22 brave souls lined up for "Brian's Brain Buster" – 21 of them at the correct service centre! These brave people risked not only becoming horribly lost on the Mornington Peninsula but also the strong likelihood of initiating divorce proceedings!

Marking up the observation sheets was an amusing exercise – there were some very imaginative answers that to be honest deserved a tick, however in the end it was a very close result between Val and Arie Vermaas and Judy and Leon Cousins, with Val and Arie triumphing by just half a point – congratulations to them and to everyone else who participated.



Website: www.abccc.com.au/calendar

Facebook - don't forget to like ABCCC on facebook
award at Hamilton run this year.



Wednesday 14th August 2024 - Coffee went ahead without the Braziers

Coffee and catch up at Paperbark Café at Kurunga Nursery in Mount Evelyn

Absent were Lance & Adele who were away on Holidays.....(thanks Jenny for the photos)



Sunday 25th August 2024 – Grand Hotel at Yarra Valley

Great turn up at the Yarra Valley Grand Hotel, thanks to John and Jenny Mason



Some interesting details that I found on the 'Detroit Electric vehicle'

Interesting to read that the Detroit Electric car was produced by the Anderson Electric Company in Detroit Michigan, they built 13,000 electric cars from 1907 to 1939

The cars were advertised as reliably getting 80 miles (130 km) between battery recharging, although in one test a Detroit Electric ran 211.3 miles (340.1 km) on a single charge. Top speed was only about 20 mph (32 km/h), but this was considered adequate for driving within city or town limits at the time.

The Detroit Electric was mainly sold to women drivers and physicians who desired the dependable and immediate start without the physically demanding hand cranking of the engine that was required with early internal combustion engine autos.

Women drivers preferred the Detroit Electric vehicle as it did not have to be started with a starter handle. It was seen as a luxury vehicle for shopping and social visits around town.

Its advertising featured groups of unescorted women in furs, feathers and fine clothes going off to a reception, theatre, tea or dance in their Detroit Electric described as "elegant comfort and independent privacy" and "Society's Town Car". Electric cars were perceived as safer than petrol cars and therefore more suitable for women.

During the First World War the cost of petrol doubled in Australia and electric cars became so popular that in 1914 Sydney City Council set up a special charging station in Palmer Street, where owners could recharge their vehicles for a reasonable fee. At this time it was expected that the petrol engine would soon become obsolete, but the electric car continued to be hampered by its heavy batteries. The inability to find a cheap and easy-to-produce alternative battery, the limited range of the electric car, and its lower maximum speed, helped the petrol car to become dominant.

The Disney cartoon character Grandma Duck drives a red car with license plate number "1902" that appears similar to a Detroit Electric.

Editor Glenda Prewett

Reference: PowerHouse Collection – Detroit Electric Brougham electric car. Object no B1057 1917



Notice for upcoming Auction

The Motorist Museum Collection – End of an Era

ABCCC member David Peck wishes to advise members that his museum collection will be auctioned by Burns & Co. All items being offered will be on an unreserved basis.

Date: Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th October 2024

Please visit Burns & Co website for details of the auction and to get all the updated information.

<https://burnsandcoauctions.com.au/preliminary-notice-the-motorist-museum-collection-gembrook-vic/>

Please note: Under NO circumstances will any items be available for sale PRIOR TO THE AUCTION

Its certainly an end or era for David and his collection, ABCCC members visited David's museum in Gembrook back on the 9th July 2023. They described the collection as “a potpourri of all things car and motorcycle including books and magazines. They wondered how the bus got in? David answered: Very carefully!”



Included in the auction will be (but not limited to): Rare brass bodied 1925 Studebaker stretch limousine; 1925 Chevrolet; 1951 Daimler; 1991 London Taxi; Restored 1934 Federal bus; New tear drop caravan; 1928 Chev National delivery; 1974 Rolls Royce Corniche Convertible; Signage including rare original James Flood Motor Body Builders; Other dealership signage plus some petrol and oil; Vintage and veteran car parts and accessories including lights, radiators etc; vintage workshop; Cabinets, displays, furnishings; Mannequins; number plates; Flags; Stop lights; Large range of car and vehicle manuals; Vintage workshop equipment; sundries and much much more

